

## United with Families

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-34

**Bible Verse** "My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!" So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:24

**The Story:** Jesus told the Jewish leaders a parable. A man had two sons. The youngest son asked his father for his share of his inheritance. The son went away and spent his money partying with his new friends. Then, when he had no money, his friends wouldn't share theirs. The son was very hungry, so he found a job feeding pigs. He was still so hungry. He thought about his life, and the choices he had made. He remembered that at his father's home even the servants had enough food. Perhaps, if I tell my father I am sorry, he will let me live there as a servant. The son started home. When the father saw that the son was coming, he ran to meet him. The son began to say he was sorry, but the father interrupted and gave him good clothes and invited everyone to a party. The older son was angry when he heard about the party. He had never had such a celebration all the time he had lived at home working for his father. The father explained to the eldest son that he was very special because he had always been there, and now the father was so happy that his son who he considered dead was now alive. The lost son was now found!

**Story Video:** <https://content.swncdn.com/godtube/2010/10/01/72975.mp4>

**Talk about:** When you do something wrong, what do you expect to happen? Do you think that the younger son expected his father to react the way he did? The young man thinks about his life and knows that he has made poor choices and returns to his father to ask forgiveness, not expecting to become part of the family again. His father surprises both sons with his love. What is the same and different between this parable and The Lost Sheep? How do you show forgiveness to others?

**Music Videos:** <https://youtu.be/s8M8ZUf2S84> God's Love is for You - Lyric Video May 20, 2014  
<https://youtu.be/rFjGpQgXGb0> Songs of the Bible - The prodigal Son - The Beginners Bible - music 4 kids TV May 24, 2019

**God Sightings:** Think of all the wonderful things you can see; things created by God- our families you, me, stars, sun, moon, animals, birds, and everything! We are looking at ways we see what God is doing or has done all around you. A God Sighting might be a hug or a beautiful sunrise or sunset.  
**You can be a God Sighting by being kind to others. My God Sighting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faith and Prayer:** Merciful God, we know that you love us always even when we make poor choices. Thank you for this example of your forgiveness. Help us to make wise choices and to ask your forgiveness when we mess up. Amen

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### For Youth (grade 6 and up)

**Talk about:** The older son is resentful that the younger son is celebrated for returning while he has worked diligently all the years. Who do you connect with the most? What do you think happens after the party? Can the older son, younger son and father become a family again?

**Music Video:** <https://youtu.be/zt-lUMBWi30> Prodigal by Casting Crowns \*w/ lyrics\* May 16, 2009  
<https://youtu.be/35iDoog9cmo> God of Justice, Love and Mercy - InterVarsity Live! Worship | Urbana  
Worship Jun 12, 2020